

DAKOTA THUNDER '09

Open House and Air Show • May 30 - 31 • Ellsworth AFB, S.D.

Dakota Thunder '09 Fly-In Information

The 28th Bomb Wing invites all general aviation pilots to fly into Ellsworth for the Dakota Thunder 2009 Open House and Air Show, May 30 to 31. The featured act will be the U. S. Air Force Thunderbirds.

Pilots will have the opportunity to fly in and taxi to the show. Opportunities are scheduled to be available for fly-in pilots for a photograph of their airplane in front of the B-1B Lancer. Additionally, there will be flight safety and mid-air collision avoidance seminars, talks on military airspace and general aviation, and FAA wings flight safety topics.

The arrival window is scheduled for 7 to 10 a.m. May 30 and pilots must have filed and completed a Department of Defense Hold Harmless Agreement (DD 2402) form. All aircraft need to be equipped with a two-way radio (a hand-held radio is allowed). VRF arrivals only (cancel IFR), flight plan not needed. Information can be found on Ellsworth AFB ATIS 120.625 for air show arrival information. Pilots must proceed, inbound, to Ellsworth maintaining a VFR and contact Ellsworth Approach (119.5 at 30NM) and advise approach as "air show inbound." Landing lights must be turned on.

Pilots can expect to be sequenced inbound via:

- ~ GOHAR N 44 20.470 W 103 18.389 (SW-NW Arrivals) *or*
- ~ BEEFY N 44 11.540 W 102 45.770 (S-NE Arrival) then direct
- ~ THUNDER N 44 10.4 W 103 03.0 Midfield downwind entry.

If there is no contact with approach control at 30NM, fly-in aircraft must re-attempt at 20NM and 15NM. All inbound aircraft must establish two-way radio contact with approach in order to join the arrival. Ellsworth Tower 126.05 handoff will occur inbound THUNDER Join VFR pattern, 4500MSL, via midfield downwind entry Taxi clear at Taxiway D (midfield) and follow flagmen to parking. Flagmen will have you stop briefly for photo-op in front of B-1 static display.

Pilots must bring their own chocks and towbar. Tie-downs are not available.

Pilot registration and hold harmless agreement information must be received by May 20. For more information contact Dave Marten at (605) 390-8044.